

2011 Interim Study Committees Descriptions

- **Administrative Rules Oversight Commission.** Citizen complaints concerning agency rules or practices; violations of the time frames within which agencies must promulgate and adopt rules; and proposed agency rules that may have an economic fiscal impact of \$500,000 or more.
- **Alzheimer's Disease and Related Senile Dementia Task Force.** Assist the department in its duties related to Alzheimer's disease and related senile dementia, including formulation of rules.
- **Indiana Commission on Autism.** Study the service delivery system for individuals with autism and the families of individuals with autism; study the need and effectiveness of programs for individuals with autism; and oversee and update the development of a comprehensive plan for services for individuals of all ages with autism.
- **Interagency State Council on Black and Minority Health.** Identify, study and recommend solutions and preventative measures for special health care needs of various minority groups. Examines the impact of certain health and social issues on minorities. Monitors the Indiana health initiative and other public policies that affect the health status of minorities. Develop and implement a comprehensive plan and time line to address health disparities and health issues of minority populations.
- **Census Data Advisory Committee.** Advise and assist the Bureau of the Census in the preparation and organization of decennial census data for use by the General Assembly in reapportionment; work with the Bureau of the Census in defining the boundaries of census blocks in Indiana; coordinate efforts to obtain an accurate population count in each decennial census; work with other state and federal agencies to assist in the local review program conducted in Indiana; work with the Code Revision Commission to prepare legislation in the regular session of the General Assembly that meets during the year of the effective date of the decennial census to propose amendments to Indiana law to reflect the population information obtained as a result of the decennial census; and study costs and other relevant aspects of acquisition by the state of a geographic information system.
- **Charity Gaming Study Committee.** The requirements for obtaining a charity gaming license; whether qualified organizations should be permitted to use charity gaming proceeds to pay the salaries and benefits of the qualified organization's employees; the reporting requirements for conducting charity gaming events; whether qualified organizations should be permitted to conduct charity gaming events more frequently; the

hours in which charity gaming events may be conducted; and issues related to licensing and regulating national organizations and their affiliates.

- Committee on Child Care. Study the system of child care regulation; and report and make recommendations concerning the system of child care regulation to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 not later than October 31 of each year.
- Child Custody and Support Advisory Commission. The Committee is responsible for reviewing the child support guidelines adopted by the Indiana Supreme Court. The Committee is required to make recommendations, if appropriate, concerning any amendments to the guidelines. The Committee is also charged with reviewing custody and educational expenses and other items relating to the welfare of a child of a family that is no longer intact.
- Commission on Childhood Poverty. The Commission The commission shall evaluate the costs and effects of childhood poverty and provide a plan to reduce childhood poverty by fifty percent (50%) in Indiana by the year 2020.
- Clean Manufacturing Technology Board. The board is charged with planning, monitoring, and funding the Indiana Clean Manufacturing Technology and Safe Materials Institute.
- Code Revision Commission. Assists the Legislative Council in supervising the compilation, computerization, indexing, and printing of the Indiana Code; assists the Legislative Council in developing standards for the codification and revision of statutes to make those statutes clear, concise, and easy to interpret and apply; assists the Legislative Council with the publication of the Indiana Register and in the compilation, computerization, indexing, and printing of the Indiana Administrative Code; assists the Council in developing and revising standards, techniques, format, and numbering system to be used in drafting rules for adoption; assists the Legislative Council in developing and revising standards, techniques, and format to be used when preparing legislation for consideration by the Indiana General Assembly.
- Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for Elderly and Disabled Board (“CHOICE”). Among other things, establish long term goals of the state for the provision of a continuum of care for the elderly and individuals with disabilities and review state policies on community and home care services.
- Compliance Advisory Panel. The Compliance Advisory Panel is to carry out the duties established under Section 507 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7661f).

- Corn Marketing Council. To provide for the development of new or larger domestic and foreign markets for corn, to promote the production and marketing of renewable fuels and new technologies that use corn, and to access federal government money available to the state to further the market development activities mentioned above.
- Council on Evansville State Hospitals. The mental health and addiction services available to children in the Evansville area.
- Counterterrorism and Security Council. Develop, in concert with the department of homeland security, a strategy to enhance the states capacity to prevent and respond to terrorism; develop a counterterrorism plan in conjunction with relevant state agencies, including a comprehensive needs assessment; review each year and update when necessary the plan developed under subdivision (2); develop in concert with the department a counterterrorism curriculum for use in basic police training and for advanced in-service training of veteran law enforcement officers; develop an affiliate of the council in each county to coordinate local efforts and serve as the community point of contact for the council and the United States Office of Homeland Security.
- County Redistricting Commission. Divide Lake County into three single-member districts for the election of the county commissioners.
- Commission on Courts. Review and report on all requests for new courts or changes in jurisdiction of existing courts; conduct research concerning requests for new courts or changes in jurisdiction of existing courts; conduct public hearings throughout Indiana concerning requests for new courts or changes in jurisdiction of existing courts; review and report on any other matters relating to court administration that the Commission determines appropriate, including court fees, court personnel, salaries of court officers and personnel, jury selection, and any other issues relating to the operation of the courts.
- Criminal Code Evaluation Commission. Established to evaluate the criminal laws of Indiana. If, based on the commission's evaluation, the commission determines that changes are necessary or appropriate, the commission shall make recommendations to the general assembly for the modification of the criminal laws. The commission may study other topics assigned by the Legislative Council or as directed by the commission chair.
- Board of Trustees of the Criminal Justice Institute. Evaluate and disseminate information, promote coordination and cooperation, and establish plans for the criminal and juvenile justice systems. Encourage and assist organization of an academic consortium for research.

- Criminal Law and Sentencing Policy Study Committee. The committee shall conduct a continuing study of the laws relating to: the investigation of crimes; the prosecution of crimes; criminal procedures; alternative sentencing programs; the department of correction; parole; probation; community corrections; home detention programs; criminal registries; victim rights; the classification of criminal offenses into felony and misdemeanor categories; sex offenders; and juvenile offenders. It shall also study federal requirements or incentives for states to pass certain laws or establish specific programs, determine the long range needs of the criminal justice and corrections systems and recommend policy priorities for those systems, identify critical problems in the criminal justice and corrections systems and recommend strategies to solve the problems, assess the cost effectiveness of the use of state and local funds in the criminal justice and corrections systems, and propose plans, programs, and legislation for improving the effectiveness of the criminal justice and corrections systems.
- Commission on Developmental Disabilities. Among other things, develop a long range plan to stimulate further development of cost effective, innovative models of community based services, including recommendations that identify implementation schedules, plans for resource development, and appropriate regulatory changes.
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission. Commemorate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with appropriate programs and activities.
- Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. Improve the coordination of alcohol and other drug abuse efforts at both the state and local levels in an effort to eliminate duplication of anti-drug efforts while ensuring comprehensive programs in Indiana.
- Education Commission of the States. Designate commissioners to represent Indiana on the Education Commission of the States.
- Education Roundtable. Make recommendations on subjects related to education to the Governor, Superintendent of Public Instruction, General Assembly and the Board of Education.
- Education Technology Council. Advise the state superintendent and the Governor on education and related technology initiatives.
- Environmental Adjudication Director Selection Panel. Make recommendation to Governor in case of a vacancy in the Director position.

- Environmental Quality Service Council. The Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC) is required to provide legislative oversight to IDEM and review environmental issues as specified by law.
- Health Finance Commission. The Health Finance Commission, was established to study health finance in Indiana. The commission may study any topic: (1) directed by the chairman of the commission; (2) assigned by the Legislative Council; or (3) concerning issues that include: the delivery, payment, and organization of health care services; rules pertaining to health care delivery, payment, and services under the authority of any state board or agency; and the implementation of long term care services.
- Health Care Account Advisory Board. Make recommendations to the Governor, the Budget Agency and the General Assembly concerning the priorities for appropriation and distribution of money from the Indiana healthcare account.
- Indiana Heritage Trust Committee. Determine whether proposed projects should be approved.
- Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Identify and research issues affecting the Hispanic/Latino communities; promote cooperation and understanding between the Hispanic/Latino communities and other communities throughout Indiana; and report to the legislative council concerning various Hispanic/Latino issues.
- Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. Administer funds established by P.L. 178-1999. May acquire personal property to be donated to a unit of local government, the state emergency management agency, the fire and building services department, the public safety institute, or a person. May receive donations of real property to be sold on the open market, to the state, or to a unit of local government with proceeds to be donated to one of the four funds stated in the act.
- ISTEP Program Citizens' Review Committee. Determine whether an essay question or a scoring rubric complies with specific statutory requirements.
- Interim Study Committee on Economic Development. Best practices in state and local economic development policies and activities; the use and effectiveness of tax credits and deductions; whether there are any specific sectors of the economy for which Indiana might have comparative advantages over other states; the extent to which Indiana's tax laws encourage business investment, and any improvements that might be made to Indiana's tax laws; the extent to which Indiana's education systems support economic development; the benefits of existing community revitalization enhancement districts and

possible new community revitalization enhancement districts as an economic development tool.

- Interim Study Committee on Education Issues. Study the causes of low graduation rates in Indiana high schools; identify best practices that increase graduation rates in high schools in Indiana and other states; highlight training and technical assistance opportunities for high schools to effectively address low graduation rates; and study the impact that school counselors, teachers, school administrators, and parents have on graduation rates.
- Interim Study Committee on Employment Issues. Laws related to the issue of whether or not an employee should be required to join an employee organization as a condition of employment and project labor agreements.
- Interim Study Committee on Insurance. Issues regulated under IC 27; worker's compensation insurance; health plan access to health care providers; health care service prices and information; health care provider office billing in connection with hospital charges; and the appropriate statute of limitations for making a claim for occupational disease compensation.
- Interim Study Committee on Redistricting. Redistricting and make recommendations on ways to improve the redistricting process; proposals to amend the Constitution of the State of Indiana to establish an independent commission to draw legislative and congressional district boundaries, beginning with the 2021 redistricting; the successes and failures of redistricting commission in other states and analyze the results of the 2010 election in Indiana and other states to make recommendations to the general assembly; and certain standards for drawing legislative and congressional districts.
- Interim Study Committee on Driver Education. The administration of driver education by the bureau of motor vehicles and the department of education; standards for an Internet component of driver instruction; standards for a classroom component of driver instruction; penalties for instructional providers that fail to follow the standards for instruction driving experience; statistics for moving violations accrued by certain individuals less than eighteen (18) years of age; the effectiveness of driver education courses on the accident rates of young drivers; and the standards and curriculum content for an effective driver education program.
- Illiana Expressway Proposal Review Committee. Take and review the study performed by the department of transportation presented to the committee, testimony, and other information provided to the committee by the Indiana department of transportation, other state agencies or federal agencies, and the public concerning the proposed Illiana

expressway project; prepare a report to be submitted to the governor and to the legislative council in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 regarding the committee's determination of whether the proposed Illiana expressway project is recommended by the committee.

- Integrated Public Safety Commission. Established for the purpose of promoting the efficient use of public safety agency resources through improved coordination and cooperation to enhance the safety of Indiana residents. As a first step in accomplishing this goal, the commission shall focus on establishing a statewide wireless voice and data communications system.
- Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. Deals with issues of joint state and local concerns.
- Interstate Rail Passenger Advisory Council. Conduct and participate jointly in a rail passenger network financial and economic impact study with participating states.
- Lake Michigan Marina and Shoreline Development Commission. Among other things, identify qualifying properties; prepare a comprehensive environmental master plan for development and redevelopment within the corridor that: plans for remediation of environmental contamination; accounts for economic development and transportation issues relating to environmental contamination; and establishes priorities for development or redevelopment of qualifying properties; establish guidelines for the evaluation of applications for environmental grants from the environmental fund; after reviewing a report from IDEM, make decisions on applications for environmental grants from the environmental fund; prepare and provide information to political subdivisions on the availability of financial assistance from the environmental fund; coordinate the implementation of the comprehensive environmental master plan; and monitor the progress of implementation of the comprehensive environmental master plan.
- Indiana Lake Management Work Group. Approve projects and recommend to the division the projects to receive certain funds.
- Law Enforcement, School Policing and Youth Work Group. Among other things, study and recommend training curricula to the Indiana law enforcement academy concerning law enforcement officer interactions with juveniles; study and recommend training curricula concerning law enforcement, school policing, and juveniles; study and make recommendations concerning methods by which law enforcement agencies may improve interactions with juveniles; study and recommend methods by which law enforcement agencies and schools may collaborate on reducing juvenile involvement in the juvenile justice system.

- **Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commission.** Educate Indiana residents and the nation about Indiana's important role in the Lewis and Clark expedition; assist local governments and organizations with planning, preparation, and grant applications for bicentennial events and projects; coordinate state, local, and nonprofit organizations' bicentennial activities occurring in Indiana; act as a point of contact for national bicentennial organizations wishing to distribute information to state and local groups about grant opportunities, meetings, and national events; plan and implement appropriate events to commemorate the bicentennial; seek federal grants and philanthropic support for bicentennial activities; and perform other duties necessary to highlight Indiana's role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.
- **Medicaid Advisory Committee.** Act in advisory capacity to the office of Medicaid planning and policy in the administration of the Medicaid program and to the children's health policy board with respect to children's health program policies.
- **Select Joint Commission on Medicaid Oversight.** Determine whether the contractor for the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning under IC 12-15-30 that has responsibility for processing provider claims for payment under the Medicaid program has properly performed the terms of the contractor's contract with the state; determine whether a managed care organization that has contracted with the office to provide Medicaid services has properly performed the terms of the managed care organization's contract with the state; study and propose legislative and administrative procedures that could help reduce the amount of time needed to process Medicaid claims and eliminate reimbursement backlogs, delays, and errors; oversee the implementation of a case mix reimbursement system developed by the office and designed for Indiana Medicaid certified nursing facilities; study and investigate any other matter related to Medicaid; and study and investigate all matters related to the implementation of the children's health insurance program established by IC 12-17.6.
- **Commission on Mental Health and Addiction.** Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health services in Indiana; review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by community providers and state operated hospitals; the review and recommendations must cover services to all age groups including children, youth, and adults; review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for certain public supported mental health services; in formulating recommendations, the commission shall consider the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of providers of mental health services; monitor the implementation of managed care for the mentally ill that is

paid for in part or in whole by the state; make recommendations regarding the commission's findings to the appropriate division or department of state government.

- **Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission.** Promote development and implementation of improvements to intercity passenger rail service in the Midwest; coordinate interaction among Midwestern state elected officials and their designees on passenger rail issues; promote development and implementation of long range plans for high speed rail passenger service in the Midwest and among other regions of the United States; work with the public and private sectors at the federal, state, and local levels to ensure coordination among the various entities having an interest in passenger rail service and to promote Midwestern interests regarding passenger rail service; and support efforts of transportation agencies involved in developing and implementing passenger rail service in the Midwest.
- **Midwestern Higher Education Commission.** Serve as Indiana representatives on the multi-state commission of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact.
- **Military Base Planning Council.** Among other things, the Council shall: identify the public infrastructure and other community support necessary to improve mission efficiencies and for the development and expansion of military bases in Indiana. Identify existing and potential impacts of encroachment on military bases in Indiana. Identify potential state and local government sections that can minimize the impacts of encroachment on and enhance the long term potential of military bases. Identify opportunities for collaboration among the state, including the military department of the state political subdivisions, military contractors, academic institutions, to enhance the economic potential of military bases and the economic benefits of military bases to the state.
- **Commission on Military and Veterans Affairs.** The Commission is required to study matters relating to veterans and veterans affairs and matters relating to the active and reserve members of the armed forces of the United States.
- **Commission on Minority and Women's Business Enterprises.** Study and make recommendations regarding minority and women's business development within state government.
- **Native American Indian Affairs Commission.** The Native American Indian Affairs Commission shall study problems common to Native American Indian residents of Indiana in the areas of employment, education, civil rights, health, and housing.

- Natural Resources Study Committee. Examine laws relating to the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and recommend, when necessary, legislative changes designed to better serve the citizens of Indiana; advise and assist the IDNR in programming its activities and in developing a long-range plan for land acquisition, capital improvement, and development of facilities; oversee the Indiana Water Resource Management Program.
- Northwest Indiana Advisory Board. Monitor permit applications; disseminate information and material to the public; make recommendations to the IDEM and the environmental rulemaking boards and assist any department regional offices that affect certain counties.
- Ohio River Bridges Project Commission. The Commission shall work with lawfully authorized representatives of the Commonwealth of Kentucky to prepare a proposed agreement between Indiana and Kentucky to govern the financing, construction, and maintenance of Ohio River bridges projects.
- Orange County Development Advisory Board. The Orange County development advisory board is established for the purpose of advising the Orange County development commission.
- Pension Management Oversight Commission. Study the investment and management practices of the boards of the public retirement funds; determine what constitutes adequate wage replacement levels at retirement (including benefits from public retirement funds and social security) for public employees; study the impact of federal law and proposals concerning pensions, annuities, and retirement benefits; study the public safety officers' retirement funds established under IC 36-8; study methods and levels of funding for public retirement plans; study and make recommendations, including any recommended legislation, concerning the structure of the Indiana state teachers' retirement fund established by IC 5-10.4-2-1; study the issue of implementing a judges' defined contribution fund; study any inequities that exist between the benefits provided by the 1977 judges' retirement system and the benefits provided by the 1985 judges' retirement system; identify the ways in which the benefits provided by the 1977 judges' retirement system and the benefits provided by the 1985 judges' retirement system may be aligned.
- Probate Code Study Commission. Study and recommend to the General Assembly needed changes to the probate code, the trust code, and other statutes affecting the administration of an estate, guardianships, probate jurisdiction, trusts, or fiduciaries.

- Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services Commission. Assure that adequate legal and advocacy services for the promotion, protection and advocacy of the rights and interests of individuals with a developmental disability are accessible throughout the state.
- Indiana Public Defender Commission. Make recommendations concerning indigent defense services.
- Public Highway Private Enterprise Review Board. Review statutes, rules and practices to determine if legislation is desirable to restrict or prohibit governmental competition with private enterprise in the area of construction, maintenance or repair of public highways; conduct public hearings and issue advisory opinions if a complaint is filed against a state or local highway department.
- Indiana Recycling Market Development Board. Investigate energy development and recycling alternatives and programs for the state, including the use of Indiana products.
- Regulatory Flexibility Committee. The Committee is required to consider the following issues: (1) The effects of competition on available subsidies used to maintain universal service. (2) The status of modernization of the public telephone network in Indiana and the incentives required to further enhance this infrastructure. (3) The effects on economic development and educational opportunities of modernization. (4) The current method of regulating telephone companies and the effectiveness of the method. (5) The economic and social effectiveness of current telephone service pricing.
- Indiana School for the Deaf Board. The Board has complete policy and administrative control and responsibility for the school.
- Simplified State Sales Tax Administration Delegates. Delegates will review, amend, or review and amend the agreement embodying the simplification of a sales and use tax system.
- The Commission on Social Status of Black Males. Study and make proposals to alleviate and correct the underlying causes of the social status of black males.
- State Fair Advisory Committee. Serve as liaison between the commission, the State Fair Board (the board), and the General Assembly; review policies affecting the activities of the commission, the state fair, the facilities at the fairgrounds, and the property owned by the commission; provide long range guidance for the commission and the board; review annually the budgets of the commission and the board and other accounts and report financial conditions to the legislative council. Further advise the budget committee

regarding appropriations and other financial matters concerning the commission and the board; propose, review, and make recommendations concerning legislation affecting the commission and the board.

- Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy. The Commission is authorized by IC 2-5-3-5 to study state, county, and city tax structures with respect to the following: revenue-producing characteristics and effects upon the economy of Indiana; equalities and fairness; enforcement policies and administrative practices; and costs of collection in relation to the burden of the tax.
- Sustainable Natural Resources Task Force. Collect programmatic and funding information concerning current natural resource protection programs in Indiana; perform a needs assessment concerning the natural resource programs in Indiana, including current programs and associated costs; collect information concerning: natural resource protection programs in other states, particularly states bordering Indiana; and funding and funding mechanisms for the programs.
- Tobacco Farmers and Rural Community Impact Fund Advisory Board. Make recommendations concerning expenditures of money from the Tobacco Farmers and Rural Community Impact Fund.
- Tourism Council. Assist in developing goals and objectives for the office; analyze the results and effectiveness of grants made by the office; build commitment and unity among tourism industry groups; create a forum for sharing talent, resources, and ideas regarding tourism; encourage public and private participation necessary for the promotion of tourism.; make recommendations to the office regarding matters involving tourism; make recommendations concerning grants from the tourism information and promotion fund; and make budget recommendations to the lieutenant governor.
- Joint Study Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Assessment and Solutions. Assess the condition of Indiana's transportation infrastructure in both the public and private sectors. In connection with the Indiana department of transportation and other interested parties, project Indiana's transportation demands through 2035. Determine whether Indiana's existing transportation infrastructure is capable of meeting the transportation demands. Establish appropriate roles and responsibilities for the state and county and municipal governments and the private sector in meeting Indiana's projected transportation demands. Identify potential funding sources for both public and private transportation and infrastructure projects. Report its findings to the governor and, in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6, the general assembly.

- Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee. The committee shall study the feasibility and value of indexing unemployment benefits and the taxable wage base under IC 22-4 (SEA 23-2010).
- Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission. Establish a policy for the investment of the assets of the fund, considering the immediate needs of veterans and their families to the extent those needs are not addressed by the military family relief fund established by IC 10-17-12-8 and have as its long term goal creating a self sustaining fund that is not dependent on legislative sources of funding; acquire money for the fund through the solicitation of private or public donations and other revenue producing activities; perform other tasks consistent with prudent management and development of the fund.
- Water Resources Study Committee. The usage, quality, and quantity of water resources; issues concerning diffused surface water, the common enemy doctrine of law, and runoff; current processes and methods used in determining water resource allocation and distribution in Indiana; appropriate policies governing future water resource allocation and distribution planning in Indiana.
- Indiana Commission for Women. Duties of the Commission include, among a number of other things, assessment of the needs of Indiana women and their families and promotion of the full participation of Indiana women in all aspects of society.
- Workforce Innovation Council. The Council acts as the state advisory body under several federal laws, including the Workforce Investment Act of 1998, the Job Training Partnership Act, the Wagner-Peyser Act, the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Act, and the Adult Education Act. The Council also reviews the services and use of funds under those programs, advises the Governor on methods of coordinating the services and use of funds under the programs and under state and local education and training programs, and makes recommendations to the Governor concerning Indiana's workforce needs and the human resource system in Indiana.